

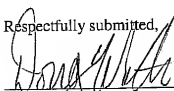
REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed November 24, 2006, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-13 are allowed and rejected claim 16. By the present amendment, withdrawn claims 14 and 15 have been cancelled, claim 16 has been amended, and new claim 17 has been added.

Claim 16 was rejected over U.S. Patent No. 2,678,476 to Carter. Claim 16 has been amended to provide substantially the entirety of the lower end of the base portion is generally flat and perpendicular to the base surface to clarify that the claim is directed to a baseboard assembly rather than to a piece of siding, such as shown in Carter. In the Carter reference, the lower surface of what is being referred to as a base portion has a complex shape in order to mate with an identical piece of trim. New claim 17 is similar to claim 16, but has been amended in a different way. Claim 17 provides that the base portion has a back surface and an opposed and generally parallel front surface. Again, this change is intended to clarify the distinction between the present invention and the cited siding.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner would like to discuss any further changes to the claims, Applicant asks that he contact Applicant's below-signed representative to discuss these changes prior to an additional Office Action.

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